

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 2, after the title, please insert the following new paragraph:

Related Applications

This application is a 35 U.S.C. 371 national stage filing of International Application No. PCT/JP2003/13756, filed 28 October 2003, which claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-313242 filed on 28 October 2002, Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-336742 filed 20 November 2002, Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-336753 filed 20 November 2002, Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-360900 filed 21 October 2003, and Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-360907 filed 21 October 2003 in Japan. The contents of the aforementioned applications are hereby incorporated by reference.

Page 1, after the **Related Applications** paragraph, insert the following title:
“**Background of the Invention**”, before the title “Technical Field”.

Page 6, line 1, replace the title “~~Disclosure of Invention~~” with “**Summary of the Invention**”

Page 9, line 8, replace the title “~~Best Mode for Carrying Out the Invention~~” with
“**Description of Illustrated Embodiment**”.

Page 18, line 1, please replace the first paragraph with the following paragraph:

In the coolant flow field 42, at part of the straight flow grooves 60 through 78 extending in the direction indicated by the arrow B, the grooves 60a through 78a and the grooves 60b

through 78b face each other to form a main flow field. The sectional area of the main flow field in the coolant flow field 42 is twice as large as the sectional area of the other part of the coolant flow field 42 (see FIG. 4). The straight flow grooves 80 through 90 are partially defined by grooves on both surfaces 14b, 16a of the first and second metal plate 14, 16, partially defined on one surface 14b of the first metal plate 14, and partially defined on one surface 16a of the second metal plate 16. A line seal 40a is formed around the coolant flow field 42 between the surface ~~14a~~14b of the first metal plate 14 and the surface 16a of the second metal plate 16.

Page 28, line 1, please replace the first paragraph with the following:

The oblique sections 34c, 46c of the inlet buffer 34 and the second inlet buffer 46 face the oblique side ~~32a~~37a of the oxygen-containing gas supply passage 20a, and are in parallel with the oblique side 37a. Thus, with the compact structure, the desired opening cross sectional area of the oxygen-containing gas supply passage 20a is achieved.